

Positions of Neighbouring Countries' Cross Border Movement in response to the COVID-19 as at 25 March 2020

- The information populated comes from the statements released by various countries listed. It is by no means an interpretation of such statements.
- In case of clarity seeking questions, clients are encouraged to liaise directly with respective countries.

What you need to know	Botswana	Eswatini	Namibia	Lesotho	Mozambique	Zimbabwe
Are the borders open?	Yes, with restrictions. <u>Extracts from their media statement:</u> “Noncitizens should not be allowed except for those delivering essential commodities such as food, medical supplies, fuel, and agricultural supplies”	Yes, with restrictions. <u>Extracts from their media statement:</u> “ Following the announcement by the South African Government of a lockdown, Government (Eswatini) advises that only goods and cargo as well as returning citizens and legal residents will be allowed through our borders”	Yes, with restrictions. <u>Extracts from their media statement:</u> “South African Borders, including Air Travel to remain open to serve as points of entry for Namibians returning home and exit point for visitors from Namibia, and to facilitate trade between the two countries.”	Still awaiting announcement from Lesotho.	Yes, with restrictions. <u>Extracts from their media statement:</u> “ All travellers from all countries will be quarantined for 14 days (mandatory)”.	Yes, with restrictions. <u>Based on communication with our counterparts:</u> “Our borders will remain open for commercial business. There is a border closer for human traffic except for returning residents who will be quarantined for fourteen days”.
If yes, any basic important information necessary to know?	“Truck drivers in transit to other countries must be allowed in the country, however they will be subjected to specific quarantine	As part of the new measures to be introduced as from 27 March, “Non-essential travel between towns, cities and regions of the country is	“A temporary travel suspension for 30 days for Namibians or Permanent Residents functionaries except for special		As part of the new measures introduced as from 23 March, there will be “Suspension of all entry visas and cancel all those already issued”.	

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	<p>protocols that would not hamper their transit”.</p>	<p>not permissible, except for medical reasons or to provide or acquire essential services. Transport of food and goods will be allowed”.</p>	<p>cases with prior authorization with Ministry of Health and Social Services and Home Affairs and Immigration. Exceptional cases will include, persons seeking medical treatment, essential services like humanitarian assistance, truck drivers bringing food and other essential commodities, Namibians returning among others..”</p>			